

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-470 (PACS B41) Construction Date: circa 1940

Name: Damba Property

Location: 15650 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

**Description:** The Damba Property is a 1-story, 3-bay front-gable cottage on the north side of Prince Frederick Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed circa 1940, the building is rectangular in plan with enclosed front and rear porches. The structure has a front-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are wood 1/1 double-hung. The house has a hipped roof porch on the front elevation. The porch has been enclosed with aluminum sliding windows. Within the porch, the front entrance is centered in the elevation with pairs of double-hung windows flanking the entrance.

**Significance:** The Damba Property is a 6.88 hectare (17 acre) parcel on the north side Prince Frederick Road. Based on architectural investigation and comparison with similar building types in the region, the house was constructed circa 1940. The house is similar in plan and form to resource MHT # CH-471, the original front-gable portion of which was constructed circa 1940, according to the original owner. The house is an example of a common building type which lacks individual distinction and architectural integrity. Both front and rear porches have been enclosed with aluminum slider windows and the exterior has been sided with aluminum.

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Damba Property

**2. Location:**

street &amp; number 15650 Prince Frederick Road

\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hughesville

\_\_\_x\_\_\_ vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Charles

**3. Classification:**

**Category****Ownership****Status****Present Use**

\_\_\_district

\_\_\_public

\_\_\_x\_\_\_ occupied

\_\_\_agriculture

\_\_\_museum

\_\_\_x\_\_\_ building(s)

\_\_\_x\_\_\_ private

\_\_\_unoccupied

\_\_\_commercial

\_\_\_park

\_\_\_structure

\_\_\_both

\_\_\_work in progress

\_\_\_education

\_\_\_x\_\_\_ private

\_\_\_site

**Public Acquisition****Accessible**

\_\_\_entertainment

residence

\_\_\_object

\_\_\_in process

\_\_\_x\_\_\_ yes: restricted

\_\_\_government

\_\_\_religious

\_\_\_being considered

\_\_\_yes: unrestricted

\_\_\_industrial

\_\_\_scientific

\_\_\_x\_\_\_ not applicable

\_\_\_no

\_\_\_military

\_\_\_other:

\_\_\_transportation

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frank and Geraldine Damba

street &amp; number 10867 Pam Drive

telephone no.:

city,town Waldorf

state and zip code MD 20603

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 309

street &amp; number Charles Street

folio 138

city,town La Plata

state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date

\_\_\_federal

\_\_\_state

\_\_\_county

\_\_\_local

depository for survey records

city,town

state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Damba Property is a 1-story, 3-bay front-gable cottage on the north side of Prince Frederick Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed circa 1940, the building is rectangular in plan with enclosed front and rear porches.

The structure has a front-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are wood 1/1 double-hung. The house has a hipped roof porch on the front elevation. The porch has been enclosed with aluminum sliding windows. Within the porch, the front entrance is centered in the elevation with pairs of double-hung windows flanking the entrance.

Access to the interior was not available.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property. A garage, with a shed roof covered with asphalt shingles is located north of the house. Constructed circa 1940, it is of wood-frame construction with vertical wood siding.

The property is located on the north side of Prince Frederick Road, with residential property on all adjacent parcels.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1940

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Damba Property is a 6.88 hectare (17 acre) parcel on the north side Prince Frederick Road. Based on architectural investigation and comparison with similar building types in the region, the house was constructed circa 1940. The house is similar in plan and form to resource MHT # CH-471, the original front-gable portion of which was constructed circa 1940, according to the original owner. There are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ownership of structures.

The Maryland Colony was granted by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore in 1632. Two years later, the first European community was established at St. Mary's City. Subsequent colonization moved north, along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. As settlers migrated away from St. Mary's City, the formation of a new county became necessary. In 1658 Charles County was founded in an area originally inhabited by Algonquins of the Powhatan Confederacy. Road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of Charles County until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion required agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in the late nineteenth century linked Charles County with the north and south, encouraging trade. While the suburbanization of Charles County was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, the County has retained its rural and agricultural character.

The area that became Hughesville was located in Lord Baltimore's grant of 6,879.9 hectares (17,000 acres) of Newport Hundred to Major William Boarman during 1650-1699. This land included the region "east of Zachiah Swamp" and became known as Boarman's Manor. Hughesville does not appear on an 1840 Map of a Part of Maryland, and Fisher's 1852 Gazetteer of the State of Maryland did not list the community. Hughesville was located at the crossroads of two of the main routes through Charles County: Burnt Store to Patuxent City and on to Annapolis, (Burnt Store Road and Prince Frederick Road/Route 231) and Bryantown to Charlotte Hall and on to St. Mary's City (Leonardtown Road/Route 5). Accordingly, Hughesville is shown on Martenet's 1866 Map of Maryland, Atlas Edition. The 1871 State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers Directory for Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2) undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The house on the Damba Property is a 1-story, front-gable cottage constructed circa 1940. From the 1870s to the 1940s, the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

### National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1940, the Damba Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an example of a common building type which lacks individual distinction and architectural integrity. Both front and rear porches have been enclosed with aluminum sliding windows and the exterior has been sided with aluminum. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 5/15/98  
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 5/22/98

[Signature]

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-470 (PACS B41)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Caroline Hall/Tim Tamburrino

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date January 1997

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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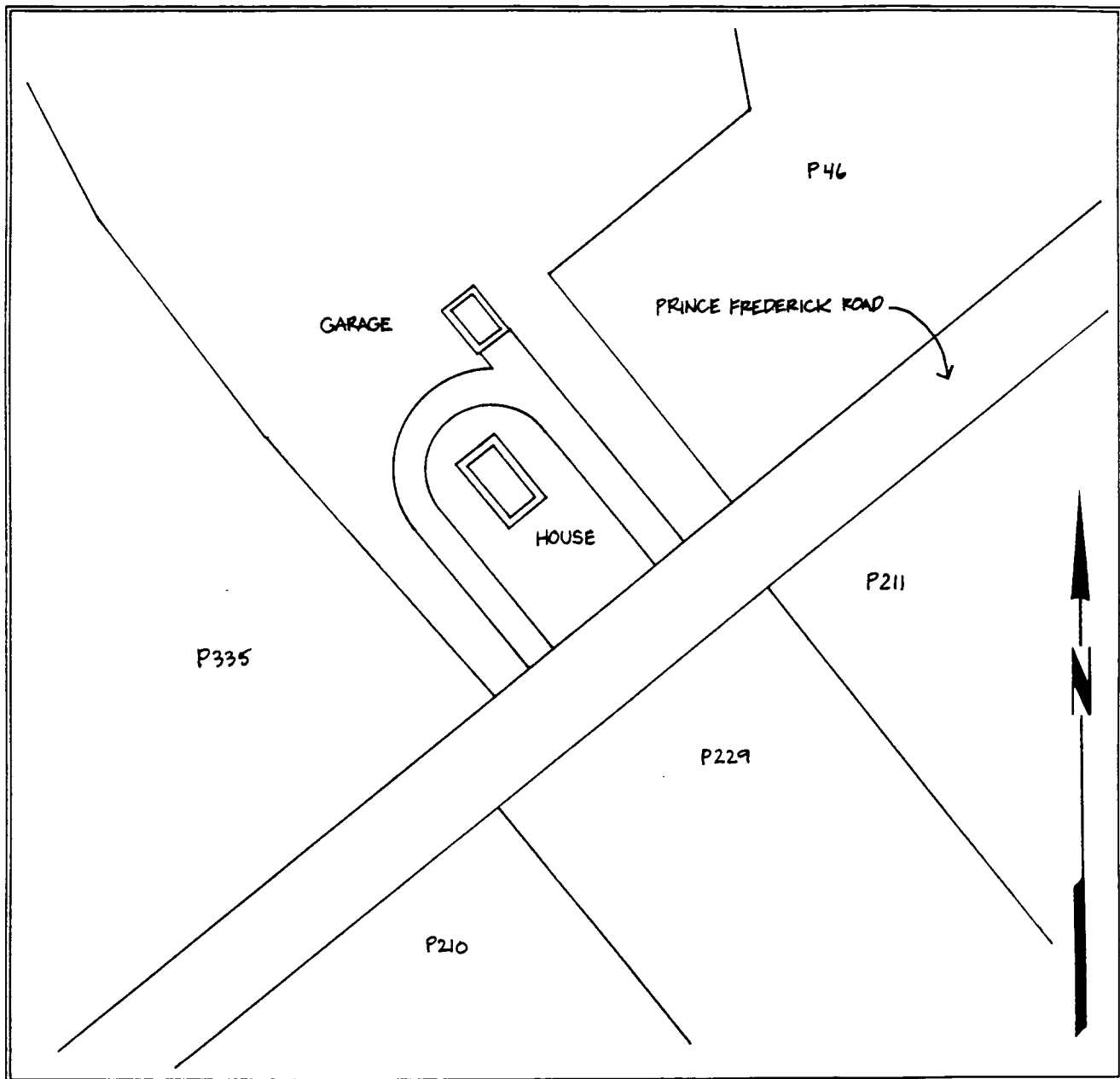
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## 10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

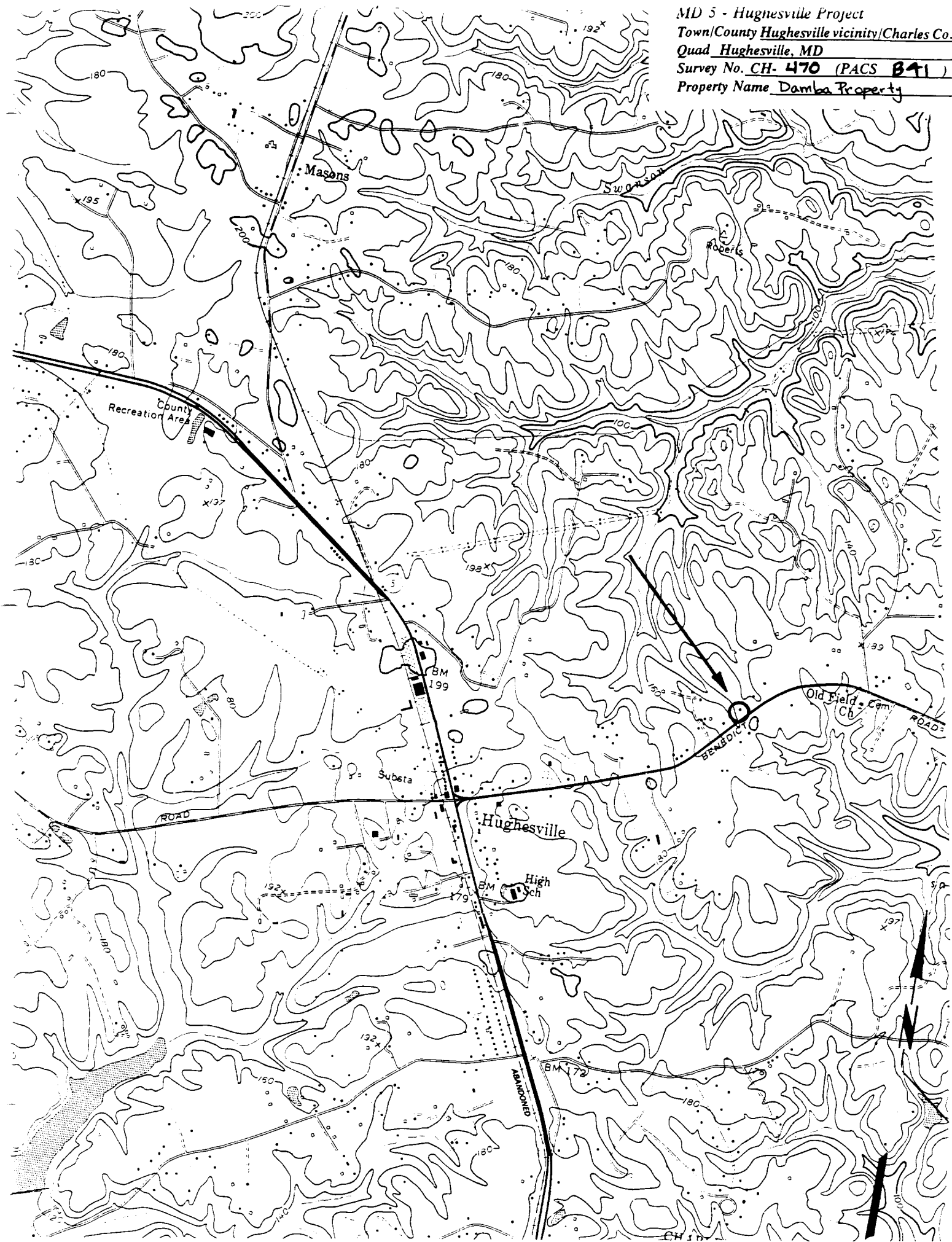
Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
January 1997

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.  
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- 8 3.0.3